

## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE



### MIDDLE EAST PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE LOCAL GRANTS PROGRAM ALGERIA 2015

#### Current Local and regional Grants

##### **MEPI Mission and Objectives:**

MEPI works in partnership with civil society organizations, the private sector, and government institutions throughout the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region to help achieve three overarching goals:

1. Building pluralistic societies in which diversity is reflected in social organizations, politics, business, media, and government, and where all citizens have equal standing, protected by guaranteed rights and by independent and effective judiciaries;
2. Building participatory societies in which citizens play an active role in making decisions that affect their lives and in holding their governments accountable; and
3. Building prosperous societies in which education, specialized skill training, and an environment conducive to business development inspire innovation and create a foundation for long-term economic growth and an internationally competitive private sector.

##### **Local Grants:**

##### **Indjaz El Djazair:**

**Project title:** Empower a New Generation

The Indjaz' MEPI-Funded "Empower a New Generation" project seeks to create and sustain an environment of entrepreneurship in Algiers and Adrar through the implementation of three Junior Achievement programs. This project will provide young Algerians with the basic skills and business acumen to develop their entrepreneurial ideas into successful businesses. The

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uniquely-designed program will enable participants to hone their business development skills through practical classroom training, real-life business scenarios, and job-shadowing opportunities with experienced business men and women. INJAZ El Djazair will help these young women and men create their own business models through a mentorship program where the students will liaise with successful firms to develop their business plans. These programs will focus on three main pillars: Entrepreneurship, workforce readiness and financial literacy. The project aims to contribute to employment and job creation in Algeria in collaboration with the private business sector.

**National Association for Youth Employment (ANEJ):**

**Project title:** Citizenship: Youth in Action

The ANEJ's MEPI-funded "Citizenship: Youth in Action" project aims to foster the emergence of leaderships and empowering young Algerians (18-30 years) through their participation in the political and socio-economic life. Algerian teenagers (14-16 years) will be also effectively involvement in the community under the sponsorship of local elected representatives. A series of trainings will be carried out to young leaders as well as some voluntary on field activities in the two southern and central Algerian governorates of Djelfa and Bouira. This project support positive dialogue between youth and local authorities to prevent the use of violence and develop the idea of citizenship and the important role of youth participation to promote civic engagement within their communities.

**Association des Femmes en Economie Verte :**

**Project title:** Training and guiding future young entrepreneurs in green economy

This project will provide a better understanding of the concept of social economy. This program will support the employment of young people especially young women through the creation of new businesses oriented to environment at different levels.

**Babel Language School:**

**Project title:** Teaching Civic Education through Language Teaching

This program will teach civic values (freedoms, rights, and responsibilities of a citizen) through language courses to young Algerians in order to foster Algeria's next generation of leaders. The curriculum for the TCELT program consists of modules for students covering four distinct but inter-related topics, as well as three training workshops to help teachers in delivering the program.

### **Regional Grants:**

#### **National Democratic Institute (NDI):**

**Project title:** Enhancing Women's Political Engagement and Citizen Oversight of Elections in Algeria

This project aims to build capacity of the elected women MPs; increases Algerian women's political participation; enhances Algerian civil society organizations' (CSOs) capacity to observe future elections. The project targets women legislators including coalition strengthening and strengthen advocacy efforts via leading women's organizations. NDI is working with parliamentarians on female-specific parliamentary capacity-building project.

#### **World Learning:**

**Project title:** PEACE Project

The World Learning's MEPI-funded PEACE (Promoting Education, Altruism and Civic Engagement) project aims to increase employment and civic engagement of Algerian youth via the development of university-based Career Centers. It supports university career centers provision of skills-based training to students and links them with internship opportunities with local by working with existing CSO networks to provide students including youth with disabilities with meaningful volunteer experiences that build their employment skills relative to their professional interests and have social impact on their communities. Over 3,000 youth have benefited from PEACE activities in Constantine, Ouargla and Bejaia through 2014, and World Learning is expanding the model into Adrar and Blida in 2015. Part of PEACE is the annual TechCamp Algeria, held in Ouargla in 2013 and Bejaia in 2014. Youth from the 5 regions of Algeria served by PEACE attended TechCamp Bejaia to develop social innovation projects using technological solutions.

#### **Club Care:**

**Project title:** Private Sector Advocacy to Increase Algerian Citizens' Economic and Civic Inclusion

CARE (Cercle autour des réflexions d'entreprise) in partnership with Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE) are implementing a project which aims to establishes an alliance of Business Support Organizations (BSO) to call to reduce economic growth barriers and engages stakeholders in a consultative process on partner with the taskforce to develop policy papers to explore urgent problems identified and offer policy responses; implements an issue-specific advocacy campaign aimed at increasing economic opportunity for Algeria's disenfranchised youth and citizens. CIPE will provide training to project participants prior to each phase of the project and will mentor BSOs on strategies and logistics as they implement their activities.